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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Yucca Mountain is not suitable:

It contains numerous geologic faults and is in a highly earthquake prone region. There are rapid water migration pathways in the mountain, so water will infiltrate to the waste containers, corrode them, and carry radioactivity into the currently in the uncontaminated groundwater.. Yucca Mountain violates the Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone Nation. The location of Yucca Mountain has some very potentially disastrous accident and/or terrorist consequences.

The Department of Energy should have all of the information that forms the basis of the recommendation in a complete package available to the public well in advance of any public process in order to allow people in Nevada and out of Nevada to review all of the necessary information. It seem clear that DOE is moving forward on a site recommendation process with incomplete regulations, and insufficient comment period, and an unavailable final EIS. All of which leads to the same conclusion: that the Department neither wishes nor cares about meaningful public involvement.

Thank You.

Montana T. Black